

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE
AND SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

September 1, 2009

On August 28, 2009, several fires occurred in the County of Los Angeles which resulted in the loss of property, evacuations, and the closure of major transportation routes. The disaster sites remain unsafe, unusable, and have had a negative impact on businesses and individuals. Economic assistance is necessary for those businesses and individuals who may not be able to recover from this disaster. These conditions necessitate:

1. The proclamation of the existence of a local emergency within Los Angeles County;
2. Timely, accurate and user-friendly incident updates posted onto the County's website;
and
3. A thorough review of the effectiveness and failures of the County's mass notification system.

This disaster will require an assessment of the impacted sites to ensure the safety of all recovery efforts, law enforcement, and other personnel as reentry and reconstruction occurs. Once the cause(s) of these fires have been identified, mitigation measures must be made to avoid a reoccurrence of such an event in the future.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD:

- 1) Ratify the attached proclamation of a local emergency made on August 28, 2009, for the fires in Los Angeles County on August 28, 2009. This proclamation shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board; and
- 2) Approve and instruct the Chair to sign, upon Board approval, the attached proclamation of a local emergency for Los Angeles County; and
- 3) Forward a copy of the proclamation to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout Los Angeles County; and
- 4) Forward a copy of the proclamation to the Director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services with the request that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law.
- 5) Instruct the Executive Officer to place on the Board's agenda a review every two weeks of the need to continue the emergency proclamation while emergency restoration actions are being taken.

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PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH REQUEST
FOR A STATE DECLARATION

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code empowers the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that on August 28, 2009, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose as a result of wild fires in the cities of La Canada Flintridge and Rancho Palos Verdes which conditions are beyond the control of local resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that on August 28, 2009, these conditions necessitated the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency within the cities of La Canada Flintridge and Rancho Palos Verdes; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that a local emergency exists throughout Los Angeles County, and shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the Board; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Governor of California with the request that he proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency throughout Los Angeles County; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

Date: SEP 01 2009



Don Khabe, Chairman
County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer and
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By



Deputy

